

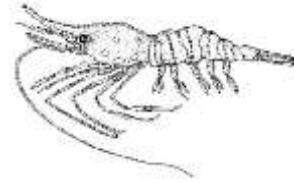
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FISHERY UPDATE

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGISTRATION AREA E

COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY

GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL,

REGISTRATION DEADLINE, AND SEASON OPENING DATE

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) commercial shrimp pot fishing season will open April 15, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 67,200 lb. Area 3 is open to harvest and includes only those waters indicated on the attached map (Figure 1).

All participants must possess a 2018 P09E or P91E interim use permit available from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and a PWS area vessel registration. CFEC permit available at http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial_Fishing_Permit_Application.pdf or paper forms at Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices. Registrations and required logbook pages are available at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Cordova, Soldotna and Homer, and by appointment with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Seward and Valdez. Contact the ADF&G office in Homer to register by fax. **The registration deadline for the PWS shrimp pot fishery is 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2018.** The number of shrimp pots that may be operated from a vessel registered for the fishery will be announced in early April.

Fishery management and other pertinent regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2015-2018 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** book, available at ADF&G offices or online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>.

Prospective fishery participants should thoroughly review the regulatory requirements for this fishery and contact ADF&G staff in the Homer office with any questions.

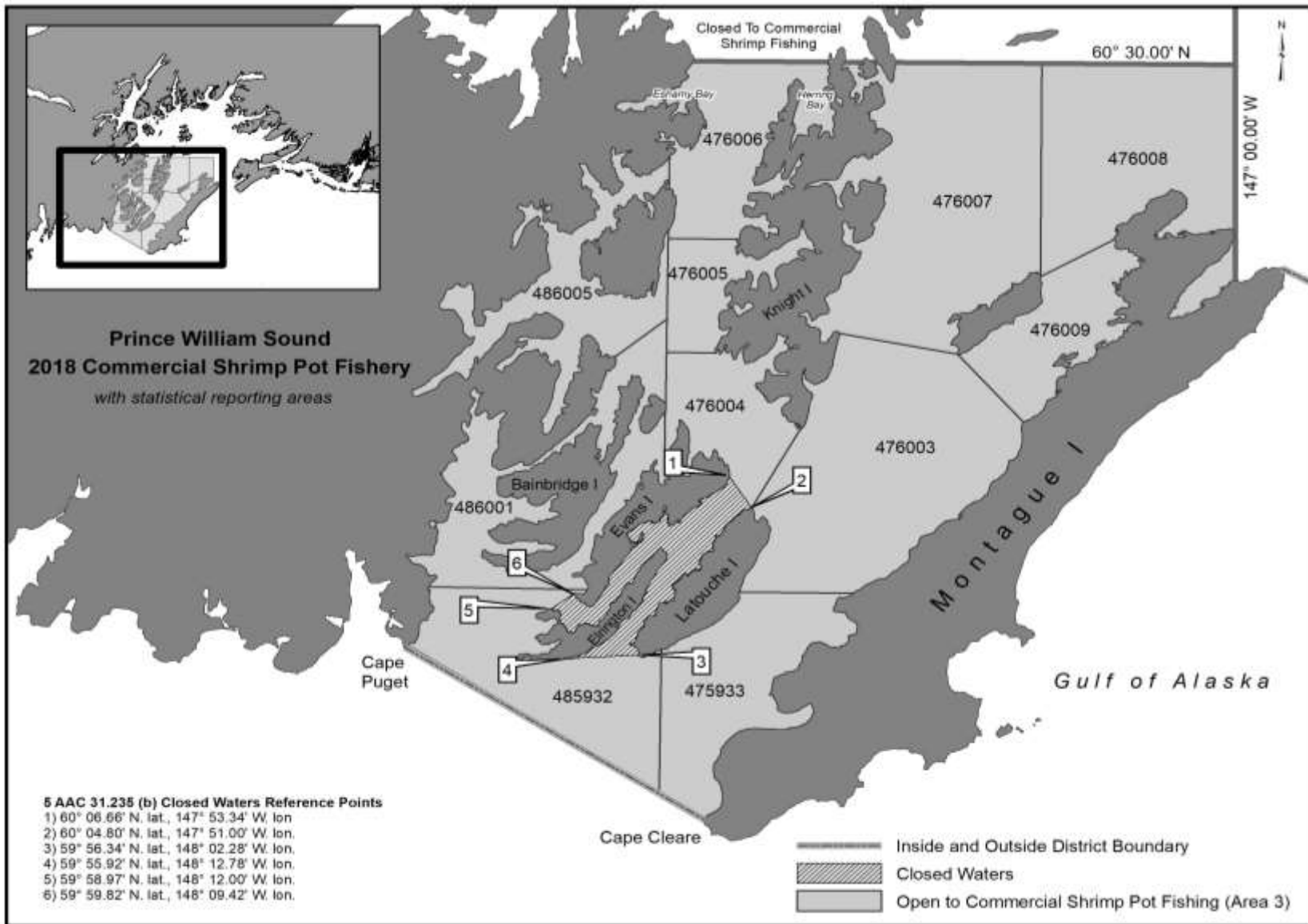


Figure 1.—2018 Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishing area.